

M: 35-4

Samuel Perry or Clark Clifford House

The property documented in the following Determination of Eligibility form has not been formally evaluated for eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The comments and opinions in the text are those of the preparer of the documentation. The State Historic Preservation Office has neither concurred nor disagreed with the recommendations presented in the form.

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐
no ☐

Property Name: Samuel Perry or Clark Clifford House Inventory Number: M:35-4
 Address: 4802 Enfield Road Historic district: X yes ☐ no
 City: Bethesda, MD Zip Code: 20814-3908 County: Montgomery
 USGS Quadrangle(s): Kensington, Washington West
 Property Owner: Kristen and Timothy S Hohman Tax Account ID Number: _____
 Tax Map Parcel Number(s): P954 Tax Map Number: HP22
 Project: MD 355 BRAC Intersection Improvements Agency: FHWA/SHA
 Agency Prepared By: MD SHA
 Preparer's Name: Jennifer Goold and Anne Bruder Date Prepared: 12/14/2009
 Documentation is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files
 Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: X Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility not recommended
 Criteria: A B X C D Considerations: A B C D E F G
Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:
 Name of the District/Property: Locust Hill Estates
 Inventory Number: M:35-120 Eligible: X yes ☐ Listed: ☐ yes
 Site visit by MHT Staff ☐ yes X no ☐ Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

The Samuel Perry/Clark Clifford House is eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) at the local level as an example of a nineteenth century dwelling that was altered in the twentieth century to become an example of a Colonial Revival house which exemplifies the fashionable designs from Montgomery County, Maryland between 1854 to 1998, when Clark Clifford died. The period of significance is also 1854 to 1998. The house is also a contributing resource to the NRHP eligible Locust Hill Estates Historic District (M:35-120). Although some changes have occurred since Clifford passed away in 1998, the house from the exterior retains its late twentieth century appearance. Changes made to both the exterior and the interior can be restored because sufficient information about those changes is on file with the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission. The Samuel Perry/Clark Clifford House retains its integrity of design, workmanship, materials, setting and association. Research conducted under NRHP Criteria A and B did not identify any events or persons of local, state or national significance and the Perry/Clifford House is not eligible under Criteria A or B. Although Clifford was prominent throughout his almost fifty year career as a Washington attorney, lobbyist, and political appointee, no important decisions affecting the nation were made at the house. The Samuel Perry/Clark Clifford House is eligible for the NRHP under Criterion C, architecture. As noted above, the house exemplifies the Greek Revival and Colonial Revival styles that were popular in Montgomery County, Maryland between 1854 and 1998. NRHP Criterion D was not investigated as part of this study.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility not recommended ☐
 Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G

MHT Comments:

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Date

Reviewer, National Register Program

Date

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The historic boundary for the Samuel Perry/Clark Clifford House is confined to Montgomery County Tax Map HP22, Parcel P954, as shown on the 2009 Montgomery County Tax Maps.

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Eligibility recommended _____

Eligibility not recommended _____

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G

MHT Comments:

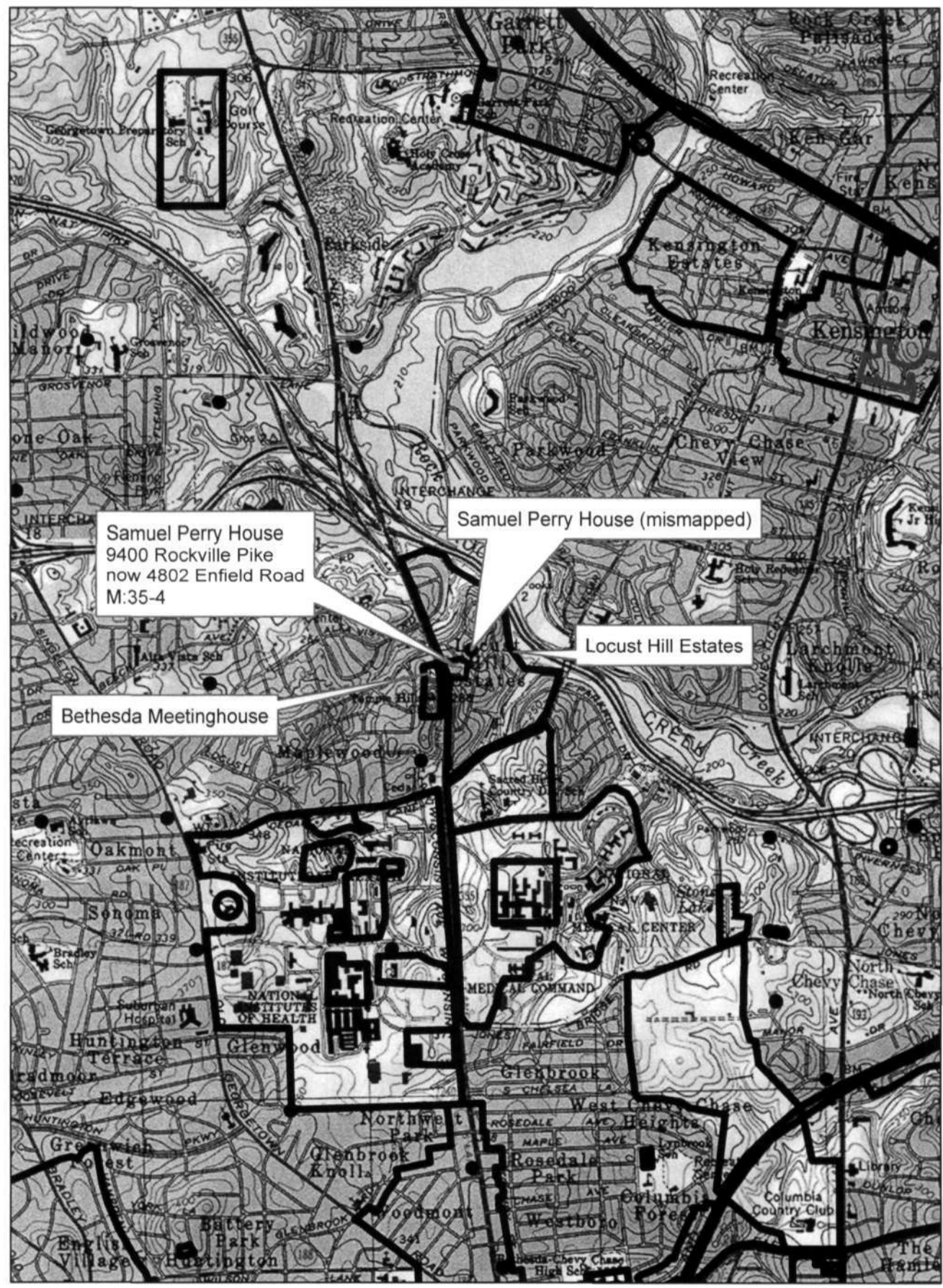
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Date

Reviewer, National Register Program

Date

Location Map Washington West USGS 7.5' Quadrangle



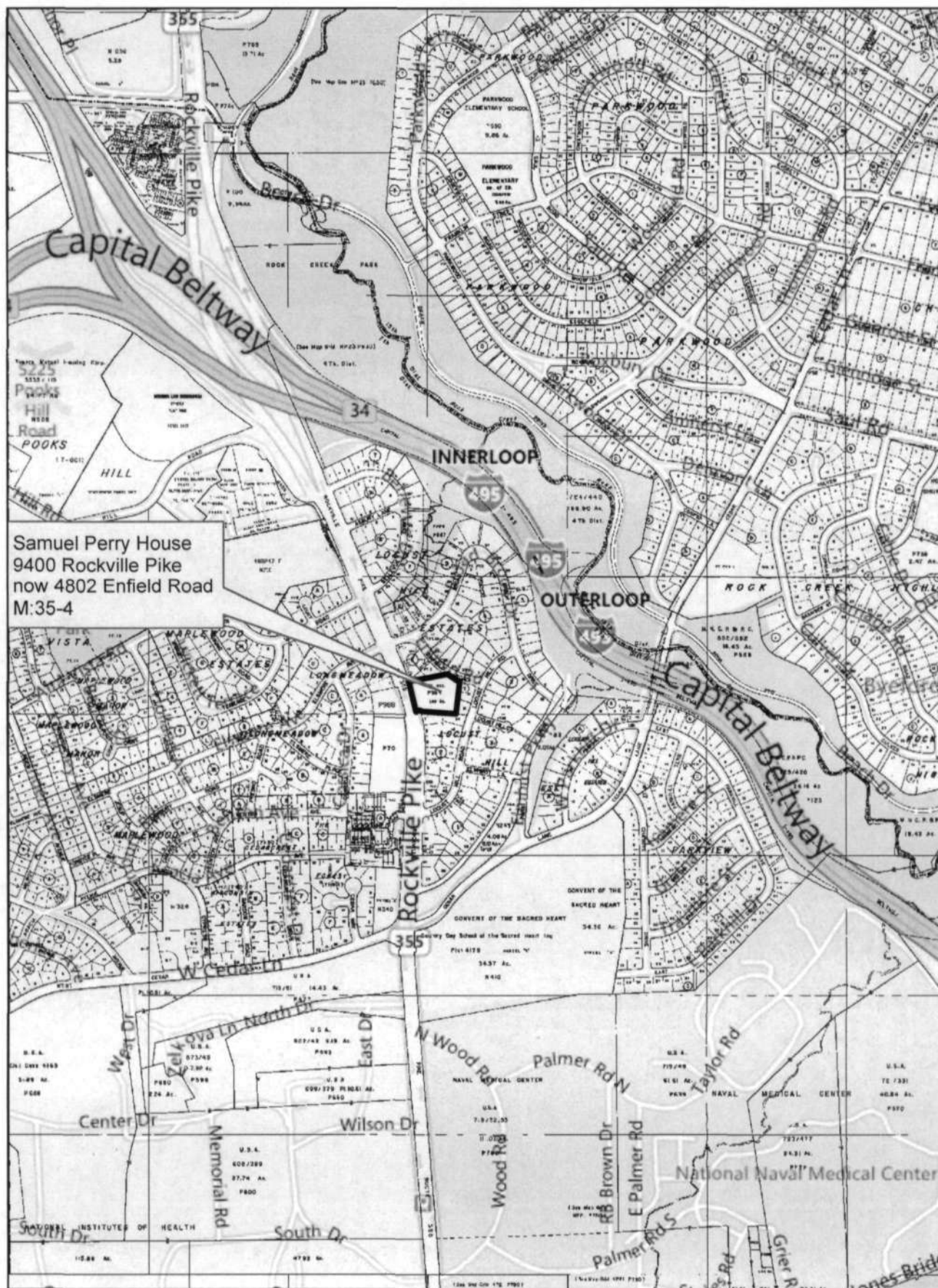
Samuel Perry House
9400 Rockville Pike
now 4802 Enfield Road
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Samuel Perry House (mismapped)

Locust Hill Estates

Bethesda Meetinghouse

Montgomery County Tax Map HP22, Parcel P954



**Maryland State Highway Administration
Cultural Resources Section
Photo Log**

Project No.: MO593A21

Project Name: MD 355 BRAC Improvements

MIHP No.: M: 35-4

MIHP Name: Samuel Perry House

County: Montgomery

Photographer: Anne E. Bruder

Date: 12-01-2009

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ST MUSE PERRY NO. 10

MONTGOMERY CO., MD.

A. BRISSE

12/2009

MD SHPO

FRONT (WEST) FACADE SIGNING
NORTH WING, MAIN FLY & SOUTH WING
FROM NORTH WEST

Y10



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SAMUEL ROSS HOUSE

MONTGOMERY Co. MD

A PROVIDER

12/2009

MIDSAFE

WEST FACADE, NORTH WING, & REAR

LOOKING EAST

2/10



M35-4

SAMUEL ROOY HOUSE
MONTGOMERY CO., MD.

ABEYER

12/2009

MID 1800s.

WEST FACADE, SOUTH WING, WITH PORCH
LOOKING EAST

3/10





MISS #

SAMUEL POSEY HOUSE

MONTGOMERY CO, MD

APRIL 2009

12/1009

WIND SAPO

SOUTH WIND & WITH FOREN. LOOKING
- NORTH

5/10



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Samuel Pezzy House
MONTGOMERY COUNTY
APRIL 2009

12/2009

MID SHPO

SOUTH & EAST FRONTS LOOKING WEST

6/10



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SAMUEL PERRY HOUSE
MONT GOMERY CO., MD
ABRUER

12/2009

MD SAPO

MAIN FILE, SHOWING ADDITIONS.
LOOKING WEST

7/10



W135-4

SAMUEL ROSS, HOME

MONTGOMERY Co., MD.

ABRIDGE

MDSALD.

12/2009

EAST FACADE - LOOKING SOUTHWEST

8/10



M-35-4

Samuel Perry House
Montgomery Co., MD
ABRIDGE

12/2009

MD SAPO

EAST FACADE, SOUTH WALL 1/2, LOOKING
SOUTHWEST

9/10



M: 354

SAMUEL ROSS, KENTZ

MONTGOMERY CO., MD

A. BENDER

12/2009

WID SAPO.

EAST & NORTH FACIES LOOKING SOUTH

10/10

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties

Addendum

MIHP Number: M: 35-4
Property Name: Samuel Perry/Clark Clifford House
Property Address: 4802 Enfield Road, Bethesda, MD 20814-3908

7. Description:

The Samuel Perry/Clark Clifford House is an example of an early twentieth century Colonial Revival style house with an 1854 Greek Revival or late Federal style two story house at its core. It has been previously surveyed by the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission in 1974 and 1983. The nineteenth century house forms the central block of the dwelling which has telescoping wings that extend from the north and south ends. The primary façade of this main block of the dwelling is three bays wide and is bi-laterally symmetrical. The front entry is located in the middle bay. The entry door is framed by multiple pane sidelights and transom. A flat-roofed portico on a brick base shelters the entry. The portico is supported by a trio of Doric columns at each of the front corners and paired pilasters frame the entry door. A broad cornice capped by a Federal-style iron railing caps the portico.

Circa 1900, the north wing was moved from elsewhere on the property and attached at the north end of the main pile to serve as the kitchen. The north wing is of log construction clad with weatherboards and an interior chimney. The present owner describes the original stairs that connected the ground and second stories as "steep and narrow," and that on the second floor there were two or three rooms over the kitchen which were used by former owners' servants.¹ On the south side of the main block, a second wing was constructed to incorporate additional bedrooms on the second floor and a living room and porch on the ground floor. Along the east facade two rooms, noted as the breakfast parlor (or nook) and study in the 2001 plans for the renovations, were added in what perhaps was originally a porch. Since 2001, many of the service spaces have been altered. Also the wall between the study and the breakfast nook has been removed, and the room is now the foyer for the house. However, the nineteenth century dining room and parlor, as well as the early twentieth century living room, south porch, and second floor rooms remain much as they were originally constructed. In the stone-lined basement, original log floor joists support the dining room floor. The main pile and the south wing are supported by a continuous brick foundation, while the north wing has a new concrete foundation.²

¹ Personal communication with Kristen Hohman, December 1, 2009.

² Mrs. Hohman indicated that when the kitchen renovations started, they discovered that the north wing lacked a proper foundation, so one was inserted in 2001 (personal communication, 12/1/09). See also, Paul Seidenman, "Clifford: Upper Class, Tough," *The Montgomery Journal*, June 17, 1976, P. B1

It is difficult to determine when the south wing and east addition improvements actually occurred because the building permits that might have explained the changes no longer exist.³ It is clear from looking at floor plans and photographs of the dwelling, the two wings are not symmetrical, nor have they had similar functions. The kitchen (north) wing is a rectangle, with its long facades on the east and west, while the living room wing (south) is a rectangle with its long facades on the north and south. The south wing extends further east than the north wing, which helps give the rear (or garden) façade a stepped appearance. Furthermore, it has a higher roof peak in order to accommodate the master bedroom and study on the second floor. At the north end of the house on the second floor, two bedrooms have been retained, but the area where the servants' quarters were located has had several walls removed so that the area could become a more informal space for the current residents.

On the east side of the exterior an entrance porch leading to the northeast corner of the kitchen was removed during the recent renovations. Some windows have also been replaced, but most are original true-divided light wooden double hung sash windows. The windows in the east wall on either side of the main entrance are among the divided light wooden windows. On the west façade, the main entrance portico, which likely dates to the early twentieth century, rests on a brick base. However, there is no step between the ground and the base, indicating that this is not an entrance to be used.

Set on a 1.69 acre lot that fronts Wisconsin Avenue (MD 355), the Samuel Perry/Clark Clifford house's formal historic façade faces west towards Wisconsin Avenue. The twentieth century renovation gave the house a second primary elevation that faces east. The dwelling is located in the middle of its lot and is surrounded by a lush lawn dotted with mature shrubs, ornamental trees, and very large old trees. A drive passes through the property to the east of the house linking the residence to both Wisconsin Avenue and Enfield Road. While the Cliffords may have used the Rockville Pike entrance, since the present owners have lived in the house, they have changed the address, and opened the driveway so that it has access to Enfield Road. Brick walks, a patio, and a broad brick stair lead from the drive to the east entry. There is no walk leading to the historic front door on the west façade and this entry now appears to be vestigial. The property is fenced, partially with wood rail fencing and partially with vinyl fencing designed to replicate wood rail fencing, and the fence line is edged with overgrown trees, shrubs, and vines, which conceal the house from the roadway and surrounding neighborhood.

8. Significance

Although examples of Colonial Revival dwellings from the first half of the twentieth century exist in Montgomery County, many are of completely original design while others like the Samuel Perry House have evolved over time in response to various owners and fashionable architectural styles. The MIHP forms that were completed in 1974 and 1983 for the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission's consideration to include the Samuel Perry House first in the county's Historic Preservation Locational Atlas and then in the county's Master Plan for Historic Preservation, briefly discuss the Perry family history and the evolution of the house in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

³ All of Montgomery County's building permits issued before 1986 have been destroyed.

Following Samuel Perry's death in 1870, his property was rented out to tenants such as J. T. Best, who is listed as the "Occupant" on the 1879 Hopkins' *Atlas of Fifteen Miles around Washington, including Montgomery County*.⁴ Perry's granddaughter, Eloise Baker Green, sold the house to Leigh Hunt in 1908. Hunt in turn sold the property to William Straight, who used it as the foundation for his subdivision, Locust Hill Estates, in the 1930s. Although the development's first new Colonial Revival houses were constructed starting in 1941, Straight sold the Perry House to William Justice Lee and his wife, Frances in 1939. By 1939, the Perry House had acquired the name "Locust Hill," and was home to the socially prominent Lees.⁵

The Perry House passed through several more owners until May 1950 when it was purchased by Clark and Margery Clifford. The Cliffords had arrived in Washington in 1945, while Mr. Clifford was serving in the Navy. He was appointed as an aide to Harry S Truman, and then went on to become Truman's White House Counselor until 1950, when he left to set up his own private law practice in Washington DC. His firm was among the first of the boutique advisory practices which immediately took off. The model for the new firm was to be "a lucrative bridge between business and government" in a period of increasing complexity in Washington." In 1968, President Lyndon Johnson appointed Clifford as Secretary of Defense. Clifford also joined the Burning Tree Country Club and the Metropolitan Club which provided connections with Washington's elite powerbrokers.⁶ The changes that had been made to the house since the turn of the twentieth century provided a setting for owners who entertained frequently.

Shortly after purchasing the house, and making minor improvements, the Cliffords began to develop their social connections. First they held two parties at the new house for their oldest daughter, Jerry, which were part of the process through which she became a debutante and took her place in society.⁷ Throughout the following forty-five years, the Cliffords frequently entertained, holding annual New Years Day parties that were attended by friends such as Senator and Mrs. Lyndon Baines Johnson, Senator and Mrs. Stuart Symington, and Ambassador and Mrs. David Bruce. All of these guests and many more were prominent Democrats who either worked in the Truman Administration, or were building their careers and would become prominent in the next ten years.⁸ Likewise, their daughters also used the house to host luncheons and teas.⁹ The Cliffords were also among those in Washington who entertained presidents – Truman, Kennedy, Johnson and Carter all attended private dinners at the house hosted by the Cliffords. The Trumans also attended the wedding of the Clifford's daughter, Jerry. Like other prominent people in Washington at the time, the Cliffords used their social connections to build

⁴ Hopkins, G.M., *Atlas of Fifteen Miles around Washington, including Montgomery County*, (1879), reprint 1973, Rockville, MD: Montgomery County Historical Society, page 29. The map shows that the property belongs to Nelson Baker who married Perry's daughter Sarah.

⁵ *The Washington Post*, "Events in Capital Society," September 9, 1932, page 7. It appears that the Lees rented the house prior to purchasing it as they are identified as living at Locust Hill in 1932.

⁶ Frantz, Douglas and David McKean, *Friends in High Places: The Rise and Fall of Clark Clifford*, Boston, MA: Brown Little and Company, 1995, pages 105 and 91.

⁷ Marie McNair, "The Weatherman Smiles on Clifford Debut," *The Washington Post*, June 1950, Page B3

⁸ Senator Lyndon Johnson would be chosen to as President John Kennedy's Vice President, and then become President in 1963. Mrs. David Bruce was Evangeline Bruce, a prominent Georgetown hostess.

⁹ Personal communication with Mrs. J.A. Bruder, November 24, 2009. Mrs. Bruder recalls attending a luncheon at the Cliffords' house in 1958 hosted by Mrs. Lanagan, who was the Cliffords' oldest daughter.

and maintain an informal communications network between various members of the administrations and congress in order to influence the outcome of government decisions in the executive and legislative branches. Although not specifically work-related, the social aspect of the Cliffords' life provided balance for the more formal work-related events, and fostered a more intimate atmosphere in which the social successes could occur. Their large house was the setting for these various activities between 1950 and 1998 that contributed to Cliffords' success as a lawyer and politician.

Prepared by Jennifer Goold and Anne E. Bruder, Maryland State Highway Administration
Architectural Historians, December 14, 2009

Sources Consulted:

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Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. M35-4

Magi No.

DOE yes X no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Samuel Perry House
and/or common Locust Hill / Clifford House

2. Location

street & number 9421 Wisconsin Avenue not for publication
city, town Bethesda vicinity of congressional district 7th
state Maryland county Montgomery

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u>X</u> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture
<u>X</u> building(s)	<u>X</u> private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> </u> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial
	<u>X</u> not applicable	<u>X</u> no	<u> </u> military
			<u> </u> museum
			<u> </u> park
			<u>X</u> private residence
			<u> </u> religious
			<u> </u> scientific
			<u> </u> transportation
			<u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Clark and Margery Clifford
street & number 9421 Wisconsin Avenue telephone no.:
city, town Bethesda state and zip code Maryland

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse liber 1385
street & number folio 498
city, town Rockville state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission
date Historic Sites Inventory 1976 federal state X county local
 pository for survey records Park Historian's Office, Needwood Road
Derwood Maryland
city, town state

7. Description

Survey No M35-4

Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The subject house faces west on Rockville Pike, a divided 6-lane highway (Md. Rt. 355) which serves as Bethesda and Rockville's main street and a major commuter route to Washington. This square 1.69 acre parcel with direct access to the Pike is now surrounded by mid-twentieth century subdivisions of single family detached homes on 10-15,000 sq.ft. lots with community Pike access. No evidence remains of the original farm complex except the main block of the house, but the site is a well-preserved example of the many gentleman farmer's estates and country houses which once lined Rockville Pike. The former Bethesda Presbyterian Church, manse, and cemetery, built in 1850, is across the Pike.

Built as a prosperous mid-nineteenth century Georgian-traditional farm house, the Perry /Clifford house was modified near the turn of the century to join a number of country houses and estates established along the Pike but convenient to Washington, D.C. Now surrounded by suburban development, the site is distinguished by its generous grounds, mature landscape plantings, and a succession of additions and alterations which have preserved the form, character, and materials of the original house while illustrating the progression of the site from farmland to suburban corridor.

The 2-1/2 story, rectangular, three-bay by two-bay frame house has later 1-1/2-story recessed wings at each end and continued on the north end by a 1-1/2 story garage, making a four part building complex. The moderately-pitched side-gable roof is clad with composition shingles and the exterior is sheathed with original clapboard siding. The foundation and corbeled interior end chimneys are brick. Only the north 1/3 of the main block has an excavated basement. These alterations have respected the character and integrity of the original house. The main block remains clearly discernable from later modifications within and without.

The original block retains its typical period features* including the odd-bay rectangular mass with end chimneys, a side-staircase center hall separating two lower and four upper rooms, a dominant central entry with balustraded flat-roofed columned portico, interior and

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*See Currier and Ives prints "American Homestead Winter" 1868, "American Farm-Yard-Evenings", 1857, "Haying-Time" 1868, for the house form, and "Four Seasons of Life-Middle Age" 1868, for stairhall/balustrade.

8. Significance

Survey No. M:35-4

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
— prehistoric	— archeology-prehistoric	— community planning	— landscape architecture	— religion
— 1400-1499	— archeology-historic	— conservation	— law	— science
— 1500-1599	— agriculture	— economics	— literature	— sculpture
— 1600-1699	✓ architecture	— education	— military	— social/
— 1700-1799	— art	— engineering	— music	— humanitarian
— 1800-1899	— commerce	— exploration/settlement	— philosophy	— theater
— 1900-	— communications	— industry	— politics/government	— transportation
		— invention		— other (specify)

local history

Specific dates	Builder/Architect
ca. 1854	

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or

Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Samuel Perry /Clark Clifford house is a well preserved example of a mid-nineteenth century farm house based on traditional Georgian model which, in its modified state, is one of only a few surviving suburban estates which lined Rockville Pike through the mid-twentieth century. The original house was probably built by Samuel Perry about 1854. 1/

Perry built his house on approximately 444 acres of a tract of land referred to as "Clean Drinking", etc. which he purchased from the Calvert heirs in November of 1854. 2/ He was a successful farmer with a large estate which he called "Lake Forrest", that was run by slave labor in its early days. 3/

A local tale recounts Perry's vulnerability as a Pike resident during the Civil War. In June of 1863, General J.E.B. Stuart's Confederate raiders crossed the Potomac and moved down the Pike hunting a supply train of 150 Union wagons headed north. The wagons were captured near Perry's farm and some tipped over and burned. Bethesda historian Doree Holman recounts that...

At that time Mr. Samuel Perry lived opposite the Old Bethesda Church. He was a Union man and had no idea that the Confederates were in front of his door. He protested the burning of good wagons and for his expression of opinion was compelled to walk to Rockville, his gait being speeded up now and then by a sword prick. 4/

When Samuel died in November of 1870, he left half of his estate to each of his two daughters, his wife and only son having since died. Lot one (262.75 acres) went to his daughter, Margaret, and her husband, Louis Boher, who had already built a home and farmed the

continued on attachment 8.1

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. M. 35-4

Montgomery County Land, Judgement, Will and Tax records. Holman, Old Bethesda. Merle Miller, Lyndon; An Oral History; Jack Valenti, A Very Human President; Interview with Margery Clifford.

10. Geographical Data

1.69 acres

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

North side of Georgetown - Fredericktown Road

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

Catherine Crawford / JudyChristensen

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Montgomery County1/83organization Historic Preservation Commission

date

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city or town

state

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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Architectural Description (continued):
Perry/ Clifford House

exterior plain beaded and mitred window and door surrounds, and 6/6 double-hung shuttered windows, the first story windows longer than the second. The boxed cornice has a bead and crown moulding returning into the gable end.

The house complex stands approximately 2/3 back on the well-landscaped site, screened by a medium height perimeter fence and mixed specimen fence row. Many old locust trees give the property and adjacent side street its present name "Locust Hill", and a ca. 300 year old ash tree is in the rear. The mature trees, shrubs, and approximately one acre sweep of front lawn balances the horizontal mass of the house complex and buffers traffic noise. A small deteriorated frame cottage playhouse, constructed with wide board and batten exterior cladding, shake roof, and latticed porch and gable, is at the northeast property corner.

The three-bay east (front) facade has a medium height window in the north and south bays and a smaller central casement window reflecting the addition of a bathroom in the stairhall on the second story. The first story has windows in the north and south bays and a central porticoed entryway. The portico, not original to the house, has a flat roof with architrave and wrought-iron balustrade. It is supported at the front corners by clusters of three slender Doric columns upon a brick stoop which steps down onto a brick walkway running the length of the house. The wood panel door is flanked by three-light half panels with wood lower panels and has an overlight.

The two-bay north facade has two small 6/6 windows in the attic story, a medium length window in the south bay, and a shortened window in the north bay, perhaps altered to accomodate the wing roof. There is one long window in the south bay, first story.

The two-bay south facade is similar to the north. Two small windows are in the attic story, two windows in the second story, and one in the east bay, first story.

The four-bay north (rear) facade has a full-width later addition consisting of a recessed center section with evenly spaced pairs of 6/6 windows on the second story flanked by one-bay extensions. The first story has a central wood door and windows in the north and south bays. The roof has been extended to cover the additions but the original return remains to mark the perimeter of the main block. The interior retains the original beaded ceiling and sloping wood floor common to an exterior open porch.

The recessed 1-1/2 story dormered subordinate wings on the north and south facades have composition-shingled side-gabled roofs with corbled brick end chimneys, and clapboard siding. The north wing has a three-bay facade. It is older than the similar south wing, which was added about 1900 and ends with a screen-enclosed two story-porch.

property. Lot two (292.75 acres) including Samuel's house, went to his daughter, Sarah, and her husband, Nelson Baker. 5/

When Nelson Baker died in October of 1897, a trust fund was set up for Sarah to be paid over to their daughter and only child, Eloise. 6/ In November of 1908, Eloise Baker Green sold the property to Leigh Hunt of Manhattan, N.Y. 7/ Hunt sold it to Willard Straight, also of Manhattan, in September of 1916, after which time the house passed through a succession of owners. 8/ It was purchased by the present owners, Clark and Margery Clifford, in May of 1950. 9/

Clark Clifford, now a corporate lawyer, served as an influential public servant and counselor to four Presidents: Truman, Kennedy, Johnson, and Carter. He served on the Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board from 1963 through 1968 and as Lyndon B. Johnson's Secretary of Defense 1968-69. 10/ Clifford was and is widely respected for his intellectual abilities and calm analytical demeanor. Jack Valenti, President Lyndon B. Johnson's special assistant, has said of Clifford, "In a town filled with Legends, Clark Clifford held his own....Clifford is that rara avis, the durable public man who privately advises presidents and whose durability is measured by the wisdom of his counsel, whose principal worth, it seems to me, is the objective and intellectual coin which he offers, coin which is rarely subject to devaluation." 11/

The Cliffords' house, added to over the years, consists of seven bedrooms, a "tremendous" living room, dining room, library, breakfast room, kitchen and pantry. 12/ In their political years the Cliffords entertained friends and associates at their Bethesda house which displays Mrs. Clifford's family interest in furnishings and early Chinese export wares. But, according to Mrs. Clifford, the house was not maintained as a showcase but as a comfortable family home filled with heirlooms, collectibles, and mementoes. It was devoted to good books and conversation and provided an ideal haven for raising their children. 13/

Footnotes:

1. The house date is based on the property purchase date, the first appearance on the tax records with improvements, and its appearance on the 1865 map.
2. Montgomery County Land Record (Deed) JGH3/498.
3. Portrait and Biographical Records of the 6th Congress
4. Holman, Doree, Old Bethesda. Franklin Press, page. 42, 43.
5. Montgomery County Land Records, Equity EBP 20/225
6. Montgomery County Will Records GDC 12/60
7. Land Records 214/100
8. Land Records 2360/195
9. Land Records 1385/498
10. Merle Miller, Lyndon; An Oral Biography; N.Y. 1980. p. 572.
11. Jack Valenti, A Very Human President; N.Y., 1975, p. 229, 230.
12. Montgomery County Journal June 17, 1976.
13. Interview with Mrs. Clifford, November 1987.

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State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. M-35-4
Magi No. 1608515504
DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Samuel Perry House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 9421 Wisconsin Ave. not for publication
city, town Bethesda vicinity of congressional district 7th
state Maryland county Montgomery

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u> </u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture
<u> </u> building(s)	<u> </u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> </u> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial
	<u> </u> not applicable	<u> </u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<u> </u> military
			<u> </u> museum
			<u> </u> park
			<u> </u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<u> </u> religious
			<u> </u> scientific
			<u> </u> transportation
			<u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Clifford Clark

street & number 9421 Wisconsin Ave. telephone no.:
city, town Bethesda state and zip code Maryland

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse liber 1385
street & number folio 498

city, town Rockville state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title MNCPPC Historic Sites Inventory

date 1976 federal ☒ state ☒ county local

repository for survey records Park Historian's Office

city, town Rockville state Maryland

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house is a two-story, frame building with internal chimneys at either end. The central doorway has sidelights and transom light. A flat-roofed porch with an iron balustrade covers the doorway. The windows are 6/6, double-hung sash. The window frames are a narrow board with a large bead on the inside edge. The boxed cornice has bed and crown mouldings (the latter obscured by gutters). The cornice returns into the gable end. The north wing is one and a half stories with a three-bay facade. It is older than the similar south wing, which was added about 1900.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Samuel Perry house is significant as a well preserved example of rural vernacular architecture (influenced by colonial styling) typical of that constructed in Montgomery County from the mid-nineteenth through the early twentieth centuries. The house was probably built by Samuel Perry about 1854.¹ Samuel built his house on approximately 444 acres of a tract of land referred to as "Clean Drinking," etc. which he purchased from the Calvert heirs in November of 1854.² Samuel was a successful farmer with a large estate which he called "Lake Forrest" (that was run by slave labor in its early days).³ When Samuel died in November of 1870, he left half of his estate to each of his two daughters (his wife and only son having since died). Lot one (261.75 acres) went to his daughter, Margaret, and her husband, Louis Boher, who had already built a home on and farmed the property. Lot two (292.75 acres) including Samuel's house, went to his daughter, Sarah, and her husband, Nelson Baker.⁴

When Nelson died in October of 1897, a trust fund was set up for Sarah to be paid over to their daughter and only child, Eloise.⁵ In November of 1908, Eloise Baker Green sold the property to Leigh Hunt of Manhattan, N.Y.⁶ Hunt sold it to Willard Straight, also of Manhattan, in September of 1916 after which time the house passed through a succession of owners.⁷ It was purchased by the present owners Clark and Margery Clifford, in May of 1950.⁸ Clark Clifford, now a corporate lawyer, served as a Secretary of Defense under L.B. Johnson. The Clifford's home, added to over the years, consists of seven bedrooms, a "tremendous" living room, dining room, library, breakfast room, kitchen and pantry.⁹

¹The date given is based on the date that the property was purchased, the date that it first appears on the tax records with improvements and the fact that the house appears on the 1865 map.

²Deed JGH 3/498, Mont. Co. Land Records.

³Portrait & Biographical Records of the 6th Congress.

⁴Equity EBP 20/225, Mont. Co. Land Records.

⁵Will GDC 12/60, Mont. Co. Register of Wills.

⁶Deed 214/100, Mont. Co. Land Records.

⁷Deed 260/195, Mont. Co. Land Records.

⁸Deed 1385/498, "

⁹Mont. Co. Journal, June 17, 1976.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Mont. Co. Land Records
Mont. Co. Judgement Records
Mont. Co. Register of Wills

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1/69 acres

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Catherine Crawfordorganization M.C. Historic Preservation Comm.date 1/83

street & number _____

telephone _____

city or town Rockvillestate Maryland

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON:				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Samuel Perry House				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: 9421 Wisconsin Avenue				
CITY OR TOWN: Bethesda				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Montgomery		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		OWNERSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		STATUS <input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Clark Clifford				
STREET AND NUMBER: 9421 Wisconsin Avenue				
CITY OR TOWN: Bethesda		STATE: Maryland		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Montgomery County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Rockville		STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY: None				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

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7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	<div>(Check One)</div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered
<div>(Check One)</div> <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT & 4D ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>The house is a two story, frame building with internal chimneys at either end. The central doorway has sidelights and transom light; a flat-roofed porch with an iron balustrade covers the doorway. The windows are 6/6 double hung sash. The window frames are a narrow board with a large bead on the inside edge. The boxed cornice has bed and crown mouldings (the latter obscured by gutters); the cornice returns into the gable end. The north wing is one and a half stories with a three bay facade; it is older than the similar south wing, which was added about 1900.</p>	

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|---|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

10 Sept 74

STREET AND NUMBER:

8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

12.

State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐



NAME	SAMUEL PERRY HOUSE	(CLARK CLIFFORD'S)	n; #35-4
LOCATION	ROCKVILLE PIKE	BETHESDA, Md	
FACADE	NW		
PHOTO TAKEN	9/10/74	MDWYER	